

# GOES BEFORE THE COURT OF LAST RESORT

Self-Confessed Murderer Called to the Bar of Judgment To Answer

## COMMITTED CRIME FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

Death Quashes the Indictment Against Vincente Franco —Died in Prison

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 24.—Judge Kent will never try Vincente Franco for the murder of Ramon Coronel. Franco has gone to meet a higher judge than the chief justice of the bench of Arizona.

At 7:15 this morning Franco breathed his last. He died in the firm belief that his slave had been forgiven and that he would shortly enter the heavenly gates. For, despite the dark pages of his life, Franco was devoutly religious.

Yesterday he received the last sacraments of the Catholic church, at the hands of one of the "Franciscan fathers," whom he had requested to be called.

Soon after his arrest the latter part of last month for a crime fourteen years old, Franco began to decline in health. He grew steadily weaker at the county jail, and last week caught a bad cold, which developed into something like pneumonia, and which was supposed to be the first stages of consumption. Sunday night he could scarcely breathe and the attending physician said that the end was near. He never rallied, and sank steadily to the end.

Shortly after his arrest, Franco confessed to the murder of Coronel, and the trial would have been merely a formal affair.

## CAVE-IN ENTOMBS NINE

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—A cave-in which occurred this morning in the tunnel being driven for the northern trunk sewer buried beneath 700 tons of earth eleven men, two of whom were crushed to death while nine are entombed in the tunnel beyond the cave-in. The dead: August Stangle and Duncan Robertson.

## WESTERN GRAINS SUFFER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The agricultural appropriation bill was discussed in the senate today. Mr. McCumber, of North Dakota, spoke on the right to fix standard for grain, and declared that the present practice makes impossible the sale of western grain at prices to which it is really entitled.

## FRANKLIN M'VEAGH TO BE IN CABINET

Although Not Confirmed It Is Reported the Portfolio Has Been Accepted

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—President-elect Taft completed his cabinet today with an offer of the treasury portfolio and its acceptance. That the offer was made to and accepted by Franklin M'Veagh, of Chicago, is as near a positive statement of what is believed to be the fact, as may be made in the face of an absolute refusal by Taft to throw any light on the situation.

Taft justified his silence on the ground that he declared some time ago that he would give no information out regarding the make up of his cabinet until he was ready to announce it in its entirety.

In spite of the strong belief that M'Veagh accepted the portfolio, it was reported that the name of A. B. Hepburn, of New York, former comptroller of the currency, figured largely in the conference. It is assumed that should anything eliminate M'Veagh, Hepburn would be selected.

## PITTSBURG OUTRAGES CONTINUE

PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—Another white girl was the victim of an attempted assault by a negro last night. The police today arrested fifteen negroes as suspects.

# CALL FOR INVESTIGATION OF FAIR COMMISSION

Mr. Burns in Council Introduces Resolution Which Will Bare the Matter.—Both Houses Will Sit As a Committee —Governor Says It Is Plan to Whitewash Officials

(Special to the Review.)  
PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 24.—The long looked for and bitterly fought Graham county election bill will be offered in the council tomorrow, but not by Hampton, the member from the county affected. The introducer of the bill will be Finley, who will offer the measure by request.

As anticipated the name of the proposed county will be Lincoln, and the only unusual feature in the bill is a provision for the purchase of the Coronado-Solomonville toll road in the proposed county at a price not to exceed \$5000. The exact figure is to be fixed by a board of appraisers, one to be named by the Lincoln county supervisors, one by the owner of the road, and the third by the two first named.

The new county, it is estimated, will have a property valuation of over \$500,000.

Interest today centers in the action by Burns in the council calling for an investigation of the fair commission by a committee composed of the entire membership of both houses. The investigation will be begun at 2 o'clock, but owing to the inability of Packard to reach the city will likely not be concluded at the one session.

Mr. Adams, however, will appear, as will about twenty-five witnesses. The governor who was notified to attend, intimated that the entire proceeding was an effort to whitewash the officials who have committed a public wrong. It is not considered likely he will attend.

The council amendments to the De

# STANDARD IS PLACED ON TRIAL AGAIN

Second Hearing of the Celebrated Oil Case Begun in the Federal Court at Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The celebrated case of the government vs. the Standard Oil company of Indiana, in which the oil company is charged with accepting rebates from the Alton railroad contrary to law, was called for trial in the United States district court today. Judge A. B. Anderson of Indianapolis presided over the bench. A formidable array of legal counsel appeared at court. John S. Miller, Mr. McRae, president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, and Clarence Martin appeared to conduct the defense. The government was represented by Harry A. Parkin, Frank B. Kellogg and a corps of assistants.

The present trial promises to be full as long and as interesting as the first trial of the famous case. Subpoenas have been issued for more than fifty witnesses. Among those summoned to give testimony are: J. A. Moffet, president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana; C. W. Stahl, treasurer of the Standard Oil company; John C. McDonald, auditor; Edgar Bogardus, traffic manager; F. S. Hollands, vice clerk of the Chicago and Alton railroad; J. C. Howard, former auditor of the Chicago and Alton road, and Secretary Tary Kilpatrick of the railroad and warehouse commission.

## TWO MORE CALHOUN JURORS DISMISSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Proceedings of completing the jury to try Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroad, upon an indictment charging bribery, was indefinitely postponed today, when, after accepting Thomas Lockwood, a sawmaker, as the twelfth juror, the attorneys introduced evidence and argument in support of challenging which eventually resulted in two more in the box.

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## \$50,000 PEARL NECKLACE STOLEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—A \$50,000 pearl necklace belonging to Miss Jennie Crocker of this city, was stolen during the Mardi Gras ball given by Mrs. Charles G. Alexander at the St. Francis hotel last night.

The theft was not reported to the police until tonight, though numerous Pinkertons have been at work on the case since the loss was discovered at 1 o'clock this morning. No clues to the robber have been discovered.

# MERGER IS IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW

Senate Committee On Judiciary Condemns the Course of President Roosevelt

## FORAKER AND CLARK WILL DETERMINE ISSUE

Attitude of These Senators on Tennessee Coal and Iron Unknown

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Upon Foraker, of Ohio, and Clark, of Arkansas, depends whether or not the judiciary committee of the senate declares the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and whether President Roosevelt had the right to sanction the merger.

The committee today considered the report of the majority subcommittee, which investigated the merger and by vote of 3 to 2 condemned the merger and the president's action in permitting it. Finally it was agreed to meet again Monday and vote on the report.

Kittredge, Culberson and Overman who signed the majority report to declare the vote of the committee will be at least 7 to 6 for its adoption. The claim is opposed by Clark, of Wyoming, and Dillingham, of the minority subcommittee and by Knox, who is working to uphold the president's course.

Other members do not profess to know how Senators Clark, of Arkansas, and Foraker will vote.

Known to be for the report are Nelson and Kittredge, Republicans, and Bacon, Culberson, Overman and Hayner, Democrats. Against it are Clark, of Wyoming, Depew, Dillingham, Knox and Fulton, all Republicans.

At the suggestion of Overman, the report was modified to declare the deal "appears to the committee" to be a violation of the law.

It was contended by a number of Republican senators who opposed the report that the nature of the president should not be analyzed now in a judicial manner unless the subject were treated as a not performed during the administration of a business partner.

# PEARL MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD

Huge White Jewel Discovered By English Scientist in Fossiliferous Deposit in Nevada —Has Refused Fortune

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Feb. 24.—A discovery which for its unique character has seldom been equalled has just been disclosed through the presence in Goldfield of Dr. Samuel E. Green, a geologist and mineral expert of England. Dr. Green was exploring the formation of the Indian Springs old fields when he encountered a highly fossiliferous strata which contained many fossils of prehistoric animals and reptiles.

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# Well Known Polar Explorer



CAPTAIN ROALD AMUNDSEN.  
FROM THE SPHERE

Captain Roald Amundsen, who has been recently back from his expedition to the North Pole, is shown in the photograph. He is a man of about 40 years of age, with a mustache and a serious expression. He is wearing a dark suit and a top hat. The background is a plain, light color.

## COMMITTEE REFUSES TO REPORT BILL

Test Vote is Taken On Reporting the Statehood Bill, the Republicans Voting Against Measure

## RIDER FOR PAGE BILL IS OFFERED

Measure Proposes to Segregate Incorporated Towns Where Local Option Elections Are Called in Counties

## JEALOUSY CAUSES A TRIPLE TRAGEDY

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# COURTLAND LOTS HAVE BEEN SOLD

With Few Insignificant Exceptions Every Lot in New Town Was Disposed of

## NO DISORDER HAD IN WAITING CROWD

Good Humor Marked Department of Bargain Hunters —Building Starts

COURTLAND, Ariz., Feb. 24.—The city of Courtland was practically sold today when the Courtland Townsite Improvement company opened the sale of lots for the big camp. All night people kept pouring into the camp, and by midnight more than one hundred on duty people were in line. When the sale opened this morning the line reached from the side of R. R. Pirtle & Company's office on Main street, to the corner of Main and E. streets, up E. to Third street. Stout men in line sold their places, the price ranging from ten to one hundred dollars, while others at two hundred dollars were made to those in the front ranks. Last night the men in line voted unanimously to allow the women to withdraw, calmly promising to reserve their places without substituting, till 8 o'clock this morning. The line worked slowly into the office, two at a time all day, the last man getting his lot at 6 o'clock this evening.

C. M. McKean and James Speed, representing the E. R. Pirtle company, the selling agent, the Young brothers, and Secretary Bowman, of the Great Western, were in the office all day, as was also Justice Cabell and the clerks.

There was not a single disturbance all night or day, the crowd showing the utmost good humor throughout their long wait. Tonight every last man in line was sold, with a few insignificant exceptions, and the whole department of the sale was a success. Many small orders in sight to clean the plot of a hundred lots. What few lots are left will be raised in price above the opening prices, which closed at midnight tonight. Many buildings will be erected at once.

Feature of the sale was the fact that some of the last buyers to enter the office secured some of the best bargains. Lots have been standing unclosed all day in the best section of the city of the new townsite.

## MINING DIRECTORS APPOINTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Stockholders of the Standard Consolidated Mining Company, at their annual meeting today elected directors for the ensuing year. Following are the directors elected:

Alex C. Leason, S. E. Scheeline, Leopold Michaels, W. H. Metzger, Wm. Fries, Albert Fries, and J. W. Power. The property has paid more than \$5,000,000 in dividends, but no dividends have been declared for some time.

## PORT MONROE, Feb. 24.—Rear Adm.

FOR MONROE, Feb. 24.—Rear Admiral Sperry will leave for Washington tomorrow afternoon to consult the navy department as to further plans for the fleet, and nothing in the way of inspection or detaching any of the ships will be done until he returns.

## JEALOUSY CAUSES A TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Crazed Lover Kills Rival, the Woman He Loved and Himself

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Armed by jealousy rage, William Hans, an engineer employed by the Halston Iron Works, shot and killed Mrs. F. Woods, the landlady, William Ladford, another lodger tonight and then killed himself.

Hans returned to the house tonight as Mrs. Woods was cooking supper, and discovered Ladford with her. What occurred is unknown, but in a few minutes Ladford ran out of the back door with Hans in pursuit, pistol in hand. As Ladford endeavored to scale a fence, Hans fired three times, one bullet penetrating the chest, killing him. Ladford then turned and shot himself in the room of a friend several blocks away. Both Hans and Ladford were paying attention to the racing law conviction.

## RACING LAW CONVICTION

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—W. W. Taylor, charged with violating the so-called Locke anti-racing law in the recent test at City Park track, was today found guilty in the criminal district court. Sentence was deferred pending the trials of Edward Corbett and W. S. Heston on the same charge.

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